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Arcata council poised to urge divestment, GAZA aid

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ARCATA – In a special meeting that took place Monday evening after the *Union's* press deadline, the Arcata City Council was set to consider two measures:

• Sending a letter to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) urging that it divest "from companies that facilitate human rights violations in Gaza, Sudan and other countries around the world," according to a staff report.

The draft divestment letter is signed by Councilmember Sarah Schaefer.

• Adopting Resolution No. 256-07 Supporting Immediate Safe, and Unhindered Delivery of Humanitarian Aid to Gaza. States a staff report, "This resolution expresses the City of Arcata's support for urgent humanitarian assistance to Palestinian civilians affected by the crisis, with a particular focus on Gaza, where the United Nations (UN) warns there is now a narrow window to stop famine from spreading."

The Gaza aid resolution was suggested at a recent council meeting by Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar, who will participate in the meeting from a remote location. A staff report lists "Urgency of Action" on the matter, because, it says, "On

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❖ BAYSIDE PARCELS

Subdivision suspense as regs reviewed

Daniel Mintz
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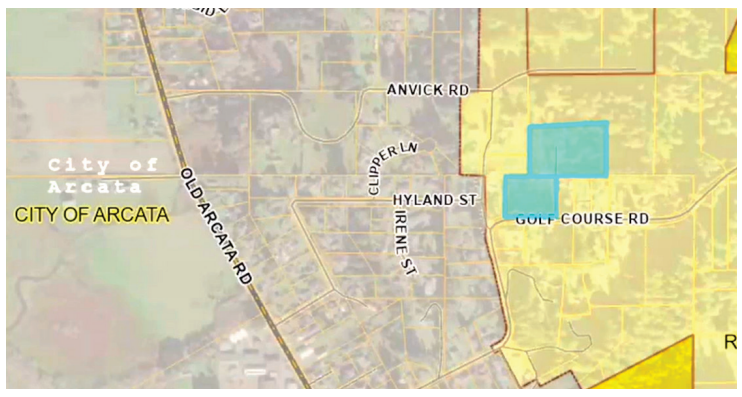
BAYSIDE – Questioning whether land use policies in a community plan are still relevant, Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors decided not to take action on a Bayside area subdivision issue pending analysis of the area's conditions.

Last month, the county Planning Commission denied a request to split a Golf Course Road property. An appeal of that decision was before supervisors at their Sept. 9 meeting.

At issue is the subdivision request's conflict with the county's General Plan, which defines 2.5 acres as the area's minimum parcel size.



Appellant Larry Henderson seeks to subdivide his family's 4.6-acre parcel into two smaller lots, with one at only 1.4 acres.

Splitting the parcel would also clash with the Jacoby Creek Community plan.

Presenting the Planning Department's case, Senior Planner Cliff Johnson said although parcels surrounding Henderson's property are less than 2.5 acres, they predate the plans and don't set a precedent for new subdivisions.

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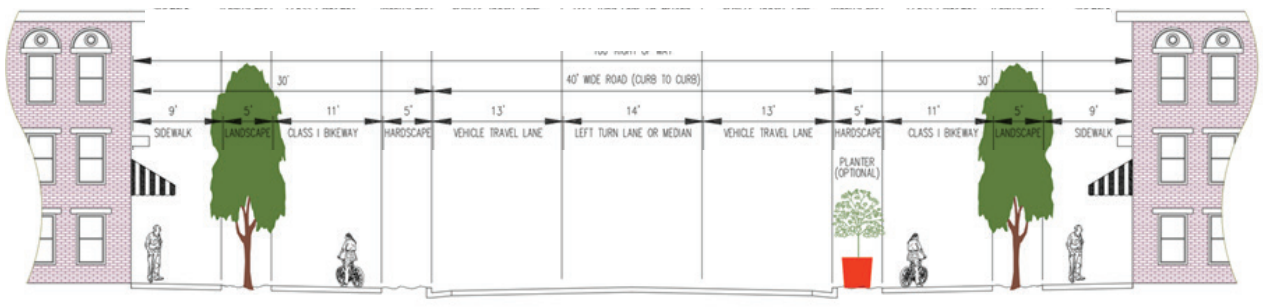

THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL AVENUE **The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee chose this option for Central Avenue between Railroad and Heartwood drives. The buildings shown here do not exist, but if the properties are ever redeveloped, this is the look encouraged by the McKinleyville Town Center ordinance.** VIA HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DEPT.

McKMAC finalizes Town Center, weighs road diet

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – After more than 40 meetings over a span of more than five years, the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) wrapped up its deliberations Sept. 10 on plans, studies and regulations for the McKinleyville Town Center.

At the end of the marathon four-and-a-half-hour meeting, the committee unanimously recommended that the Humboldt County Planning Commission certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the McKinleyville Town Center.

The McKMAC also weighed in on other controversial issues, including putting Central Avenue on a road diet, creating affordable housing and how to define wetlands.

'Politically fraught'

While the McKMAC typically strives for consensus, it was unable to do so when it came to a proposal to reduce the number of lanes on Central Avenue from two in each direction to one in each direction between Heartwood and Railroad drives.

The idea behind the lane reduction is to slow down traffic in the center of town and make it more pedestrian friendly. Opponents of the "road diet" say they are concerned

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County Supervisors set September as 'Hunger Action Month'

Daniel Mintz
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Carly Robbins

HUMBOLDT – The director of a local food distribution group says that as local food costs rise, there's also been a "huge increase" in the number of Humboldt County residents struggling to get enough food.

The prevalence of hunger in Humboldt was discussed when the Board of Supervisors proclaimed September as "Hunger Action Month" at its Sept. 9 meeting.

Doing so is an annual practice but with recent inflation and federal budget cuts, there's a heightened sense of urgency.

"We are at a point where we're anticipating a na-

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Richard A. Carvajal is CPH's next president

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees has appointed Richard A. Carvajal as president of California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt.

Carvajal currently serves as president of Valdosta State University, a doctoral-granting public university located in Valdosta, Georgia.

Richard A. Carvajal

Carvajal becomes the ninth president of Cal Poly Humboldt, and the first Latino to lead the institution.

"Growing up in Humboldt County, I often dreamed of attending Cal Poly Humboldt – then Humboldt State – but never imagined I would one day become its president. So, to return to my roots in this role is a true honor," Carvajal said. "This university represents so much promise and potential for the residents of California's north coast, and its polytechnic designation expands its impact across the region and the state. I look forward to proudly joining the Cal

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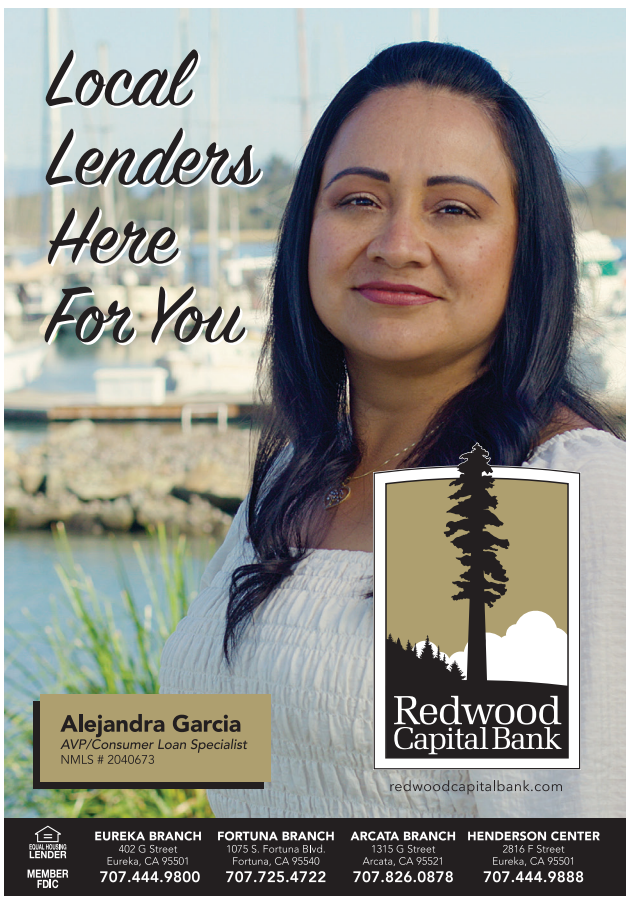

A1AA's Fall Prevention Awareness Event at Wharfinger Building

AREA 1 AGENCY ON AGING

EUREKA — Area 1 Agency on Aging (A1AA) will host a Fall Prevention Awareness Event on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Bay Room at the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marine Way, Eureka.

The event is part of National Fall Prevention Awareness Week, Sept. 22 through 26, and will feature local service providers, resources and practical information to help older adults reduce their risk of falling.

Falls are a major health concern for older adults: one in three will experience a fall, and one in 17 will require an emergency room visit.

Importantly, a first fall doubles the risk of a second. "At A1AA, we aim to help older adults age in the home of their choice," said Susan Cleverdon, A1AA social services manager. "Providing information and education to reduce the risk of falling is one way to help achieve that goal."

The event emphasizes that falls are *not* a normal part of aging.

Most falls are preventable, and by taking proactive steps, older adults can reduce the risk of serious injury, maintain independence and improve quality of life.

Highlights of the event include:

• 1:30 p.m. — Fall Risk Prevention Presentation

• 2:30 p.m. — SAIL (Staying Active and Independent for Life) Exercise Class Demonstration

• Fall Risk Assessments offered throughout the afternoon

Community members are invited to attend, learn about local programs and discover strategies and resources that can help prevent falls and support healthy, independent living.

Learn what went right and wrong during the tsunami warnings during a tspaghetti tsupper

HUMBOLDT GRANGE #501

EUREKA – Join the Humboldt Grange #501 as we talk about tsunamis and our responses to tsunami notifications.

Twice since December, 2024 the North Coast was placed within a Tsunami Warning by the U.S. Tsunami Warning Center. The highest level of alert.

On Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, an earthquake with an initial magnitude of a M7.4 struck on the Mendocino Fault and a Tsunami Warning was issued. After review, the earthquake was downgraded to a M7.0. However, alerts were already issued.

On Tuesday, July 29, 2025, a magnitude M8.8 earthquake occurred on the other side of the Pacific Ocean and for the second time in eight months a tsunami warning was issued for the North Coast.

So, what happened? During both tsunami warnings there was confusion about messaging and what to do.

Let's talk. What went right, what went wrong? What lessons were learned?

Meet local geologists and emergency responders. Get a behind-the-scenes look at tsunami response on the North Coast.

Thursday Sept. 18, at the Humboldt Grange #501, a Tsunami Tspaghetti Tsupper will be served at 5:30 p.m. by donation. Presentations start at 6:30 p.m.

The Humboldt Grange is located at 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd., South Eureka.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m., presentations at 6:30 p.m.

Carvajal | Unwavering focus on student success

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Poly Humboldt faculty and staff in their work educating learners and taking the institution to new heights.

"Dr. Carvajal stood out among an impressive pool of candidates with his proven record of spurring growth and fostering positive change at the universities he's led, as well as for his inclusive and collaborative leadership style," said CSU Trustee Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, who chaired the presidential search committee. "As a first-generation college graduate whose life has been transformed through the power of higher education, Dr. Carvajal's lived experience mirrors that of so many of Cal Poly Humboldt's students, who will benefit from his unwavering focus on student success and well-being."

Carvajal has served as president of Valdosta State University since 2017, where he led a campuswide consultative goal-setting and strategic planning effort that paved the way for a seven-percent increase in freshman retention and continuous year-over-year increases in enrollment.

Under his leadership, Valdosta State has added programs in data science and other in-demand STEM fields and has significantly increased hands-on learning opportunities for all majors, while retaining and strengthening programs in the arts, business and the health sciences.

Prior to leading Valdosta State, Carvajal served a year as interim president at Darton State College and five years as president of Bainbridge State College, both located in Georgia.

He previously held senior leadership positions at institutions in Washington and Kansas, as well as administrative positions at liberal arts colleges in South Carolina and Illinois.

As noted above, Carvajal is a first-generation college graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications and sociology from Oklahoma's East Central University, a master's in college student personnel administration from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of South Carolina.

Carvajal will assume the university's presidency on January 20, 2026.

SHNU honors its Humboldt grads

NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

MANCHESTER, NH – It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2025 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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15 Canned fish
16 Soon, in poems
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20 Co-star of Betty and Bea
21 Delicately
23 Continuous form, e.g.
25 Rising star
26 Vaccines
28 Word with dog or dollar
31 Jimmy Kimmel, for one
34 Prefix with propyl
35 Overcharge, big time
37 Easy to swap out
41 Vice ___
42 "Annabel Lee" writer
43 Peachy follower
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45 Like some airport purchases
49 Unaccompanied
51 Marathon participants
55 Tyrannical
58 Floral garland
59 "Excuse me..."
60 Like some fires or looks
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63 San Quentin quarters
64 Burdened
65 Casualty
66 Tribute poems
67 Seethes

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7 Bits of wordplay
8 Bait the hook
9 Type of oil
10 Pale purple
11 River float, at times
12 Mattress spring
13 Covet
18 Boston cager
22 Word with mental or mirror
24 Sisters of Greek myth
27 Lathered up
29 Flirtatious stare
30 Hammerhead part
31 Queen's place
32 Singles
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Hunger | Food or rent

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tional crisis for hunger," said Carly Robbins, executive director of Food for People.

Summarizing her group's goals, she said emergency food response "helps communities affected from anything from wildfires and earthquakes to winter storms and road closures" and long term aid is provided "so hopefully, families don't have to choose between rent and food or rent and medical."

But those choices are becoming more likely as inflation forces them.

"Unfortunately, higher costs for gas, food, utilities, medical care, housing have had a sharp increase in food insecurity," Robbins said. "In the last two years, we've seen a huge increase in Food for People. Many people are seeking food assistance for the very first time in their lives and we're doing everything we can to meet the need but we can't do it alone, which is why we appreciate you recognizing this as Hunger Action Month."

Robbins said her group, through its main site in Eureka and "a network of partners" like the Humboldt Senior Resource Center, distributed 2.6 million pounds of food in the county last year, serving more than 21,000 individuals a month.

The network also includes schools and community resource centers, reaching every area of the county.

Robbins said food services have recently expanded to Southern Humboldt locations like Alderpoint, Petrolia, Honeydew and Myers Flat.

Food for People development Director David Reed said hunger is a national and local issue.

"At a time when the cost of basic needs like groceries and health care is out of reach for millions, hunger in America is a crisis," he said. "One in five kids face hunger and that's more than 13 million children nationwide and almost 6,000 children here in Humboldt County – in some of our local school districts, more than 80 percent of kids qualify for free and reduced lunches."

He added, "with recent national changes to food assistance for food banks and programs like SNAP and CalFresh, millions more Americans will soon face deep food insecurity."

Supervisors acknowledged hunger issues, with Supervisor Rex Bohn saying, "there isn't a member up here that hasn't got a phone call asking 'where can I get help.'"

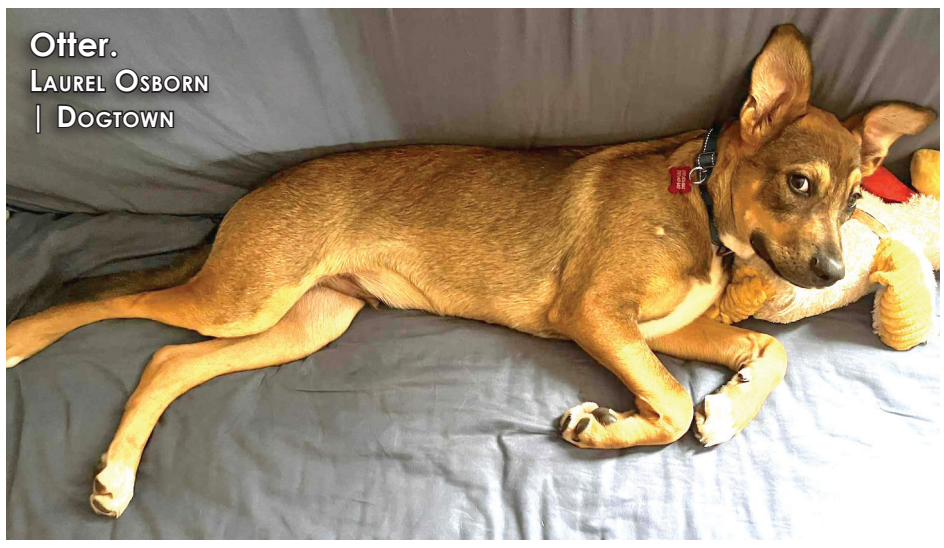
Board Chair Michelle Bushnell noted the Food for People network's reach to rural communities.

"It's very well anticipated and used, those folks sometimes don't have cars, sometimes don't have transportation and so it's such a great service that is in those very rural communities," she said.

Read aloud by Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, the proclamation says 16.7 percent of the county faces "food insecurity" and almost 30,000 Humboldt residents are in the state's CalFresh program, 26 percent of them children.

In declaring September as Hunger Action Month, the proclamation "encourages the community to learn more about hunger and take action to ensure that every Humboldt County resident every day has enough to eat."

Meet seasoned sweethearts Otter and Champ


Otter.
LAUREL OSBORN | DOGTOWN

Mid-September and some regular events are coming around! This weekend is the North Country Fair, always a good time, and right up the street from the fair is the annual adoption event put on by Coldwell Banker.

The adoption event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature dogs from Redwood Pals and the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, as well as animals from several other animal rescues in the area.

Please stop by! We will undoubtedly have a few of the dogs that have been featured here in my column.

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Mara Segal

Two puppies that you might see at the event are Otter and Champ.

Otter is available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. He is about five months old and is currently in a foster home where he is learning about all kinds of new things!

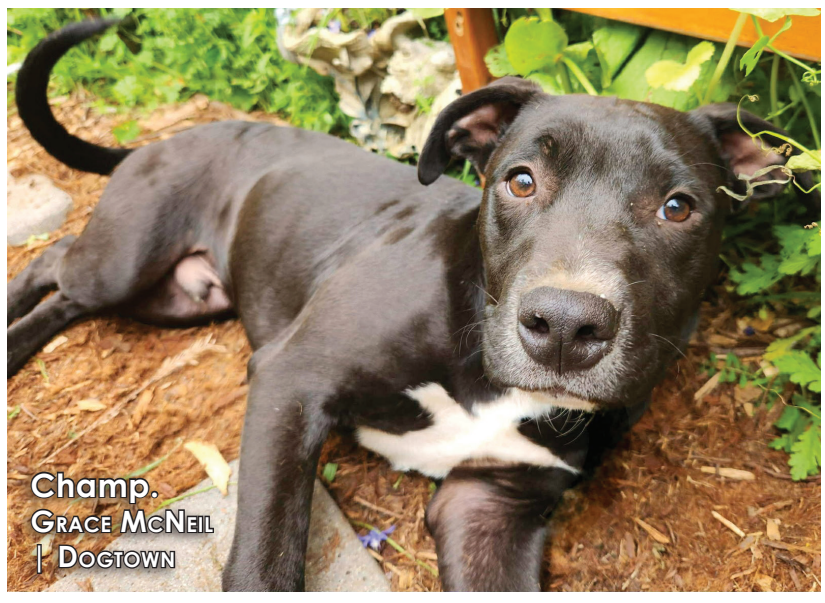
Otter is living with a large older dog, a confident cat and a teenage boy. Otter is doing well with all of them. It took him a little time to come around to the teenager, but now he is loving the attention that he is getting!

He likes to start the day with breakfast and some happy zoomies, and then he is content to lounge on the couch in the office while his foster is working. He is an easy boy to have around, she says.

Otter has done well with his crate also, sometimes even going in during the day for a nap. He can be seen at the shelter before the weekend by calling (707) 840-9132.

Otter has been neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped.

Another pup you are likely to meet at our adoption event is Champ. Champ came to Redwood Pals Rescue through Fortuna Animal Control. Champ and his three brothers came into their kennels in July, underfed and itchy.


Champ.
GRACE MCNEIL | DOGTOWN

They received their vaccines and flea medication at the vet and then the ACO called me to see if we could help with them. We took the pups to one of our great fosters in Hydesville where they received good food, love, and room to run around.

The foster's yard is right up against her chicken yard and the pups were not interested at all. They were off to a good start! As they grew, we moved them to our trainer/foster in Eureka for some new experiences. Two of the pups got to go to Barks and Brews, our big fundraiser, and they had lots of fun!

Champ got to go to an Arcata foster for a bit where he did great with her dog and the resident cat. He learned about getting in cars, staying out of the kitchen, and some other useful skills during his time there.

His foster had a trip out of town planned and so Champ went back to Eureka, where he is now waiting for his forever home.

Champ has been around chickens, cats, goats, reptiles and other dogs. He is shy, but has lots of love to give and is happy to demonstrate that for you! Champ is about six months old, neutered and current on vaccinations. To meet Champ, contact us at Redwood Pals by email at *redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com* or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

Don't forget that Redwood Pals Rescue is the recipient of the Seeds for Change register round up at the Arcata and Eureka Co-ops this month.

Just say yes when the cashier asks if you'd like to round up your change for Redwood Pals!

Subdivision | Stalled

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Jacoby Creek Community Plan policies generally set five acres as minimum parcel size unless public water and sewer services are available.

Henderson's property relies on on-site water and septic systems. Responding to the argument that the policies are out of date, Johnson said the plan's public utility requirement is based on historical issues with water and septic systems in the area.

But Henderson told supervisors the policies are indeed outdated and ignore "common sense."

He said requiring public utility hookups is a mandate that can't be complied with, as the City of Arcata changed its annexation policies and won't extend services to the property despite it being near the city's border.

"We are the victims here, not the county," said Henderson.

During a public comment period, neighboring property owners supported Henderson's appeal.

"I don't feel like this falls out of line with the neighborhood," said one.

Another said he wants to build a home on his property but can't due to the public water and sewer requirement. Those services "aren't available and frankly, not necessary," he continued.

Responding to that issue, Planning Director John Ford said Arcata's change of annexation policy "is not an error in the plan, that's a change of circumstances which would warrant a community plan amendment – that's the process to get there first, is to modify the plan."

Henderson had argued that changing the policies is the county's responsibility and while Ford didn't rule that out, he said it will be difficult due to the volume of higher-priority work like finishing the McKinleyville Town Center ordinance and the Climate Action Plan.

Ford also said a comprehensive study on groundwater and septic capacity is needed to confirm that changes to the plan can be made without impacts.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said he's concerned about setting a precedent of creating smaller parcels in the area but also acknowledged there's a shortage of higher-income housing and allowing the parcel split would address it.

Other supervisors highlighted the community plan's lack of updating despite a board directive five years ago.

Supervisors decided to hold off on decision-making and continue the hearing to an uncertain date to allow planning staff to assess the area's conditions.

Supervisor Steve Madrone recommended testing the area's wells for water quality but Board Chair Michelle Bushnell questioned whether property owners would consent while Wilson said it might be a "gift of public funds" to them.

The testing proposal wasn't taken up and since funding will be needed regardless, Ford will eventually return to present a budget for analyzing the complex situation.

After a vote to that effect, Ford was also asked to have a chat with Henderson in the hallway to explain what will happen.

Town Center | 'You're going to have people mad at you'

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it would snarl traffic and force motorists to find alternative routes through residential neighborhoods.

"With Central Avenue, this is absolutely a complicated and politically fraught and emotional part of the discussion," county Planning Director John Ford told the committee.

McKinleyville resident Wes Chesbro urged the committee to support maximum traffic calming and talked about how he saw two teenagers almost get run down on the town's main thoroughfare.

"One of the most terrifying driving experiences I've ever had was driving up Central Avenue in the right-hand lane and then the flashing pedestrian lights came on and I came to a stop," Chesbro said. "Some teenagers walked in front of me. A car came racing up from the left. The car on the left couldn't see the teenagers and the teenagers couldn't see the car, and that car missed the teenagers by inches. I almost watched two kids get killed in the middle of Central Avenue."

Colin Fiske, executive director of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities, also urged the committee to support the road diet.

"We know from decades of research that that kind of design is much safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as for drivers," Fiske said. "We also know that this kind of design helps spark revitalization and increases business at local shops."

Others relayed personal stories about harrowing pedestrian experiences on Central Avenue, where the speed limit is 35 mph.

"People don't drive 30 or 35, they drive 40 to 50 [mph] on Central, so let's be clear about that," said committee member Maya Conrad.

Fieldbrook resident Judy Hodgson said 35 mph is too fast for the Town Center and urged the committee to support fewer lanes. "Be brave. It's going to be a tough discussion and you're going to have people mad at you," Hodgson said.

Cliff VanCott said he opposed the lane reduction and urged the committee to ditch the idea. However, VanCott said, if the community is determined to pursue the project, it should temporarily close the lanes for 30 days to test out the idea.

Committee member Scott Binder noted that as the McKinleyville Community Services District board appointee to the committee, he was elected by popular vote. Based on the comments he's heard, in person and on social media, there is substantial opposition to the road diet, Binder said.

"I'm not convinced the majority of our community supports lane reduction on Central Avenue," Binder said. "It simply doesn't make sense for the busiest thoroughfare in unincorporated Humboldt County to have throughput cut in half specially given... the great population increase that's forecasted."

Committee member Kevin Jenkins said that in places where these road diets have worked, there are almost always parallel arterial roads that provide motorists with an alternative. McKinleyville, he noted, wasn't designed that way. He said he also has concerns about what other routes motorists may use to avoid the downtown.

"We're potentially creating other problems," Jenkins said.

Ford showed the committee a slightly modified alternative for Central Avenue, which would reduce the lanes from two in each direction to one in each direction. The center turn lane would remain. Between the travel lanes and bicycle lanes on each side would be a buffer zone, but with no permanent landscaping. This would allow the MCSD to dig up the road to work on its sewer and water lines.

The committee ultimately took a straw vote, with four voting in favor of this option and Binder and Jenkins voting against it.

Ford noted that there's no dedicated funding for the lane reductions. Public Works would need to obtain grant funding for the project to proceed.

"I will say, that in the current environment, grant funding is getting harder and harder to find," Ford said.

Affordable housing

Another topic that was raised was whether there should be an inclusionary housing requirement for the Town Center. This would require developers to set aside a portion of new units for low-income households.

"It's actually a very complicated issue," Ford told the committee. An inclusionary zoning ordinance would probably be three or four times longer in length than the Town Center ordinance.

Jenkins suggested that the McKMAC look into inclusionary zoning at a future meeting and keep the matter separate from the Town Center process.

"I think this is a way bigger issue than we're prepared to contend with," Conrad said.

Some meeting participants disagreed and urged the committee to include some sort of affordable housing requirement in the Town Hall ordinance.

"The idea that it is too complicated is really callous," said a meeting participant. "This is about care. This is about compassion."

Ford noted that if the county creates inclusionary zoning, it would apply to all of unincorporated Humboldt County, including the Town Center.

McKMAC Chair Mary Burke noted that the building densities required in the Town Center would contribute to more affordable housing.

In a different discussion, Conrad talked about the importance of creating more housing. "It does kind of baffle me that people are afraid of increasing our housing over time," Conrad said.

Median starter homes are going for $430,000, probably more in McKinleyville, Conrad said. House insurance premiums have also skyrocketed.

"If we don't do something to increase the affordability index for housing and to provide an array of housing choices for people, we're going to miss the mark," Conrad said.

The committee agreed to take up affordable housing at a future meeting in a process separate from the Town Center.

Wetlands

The committee agree to reverse to decision it made in early 2020 to use a less stringent definition of wetlands.

The McKinleyville Community Plan, the town's growth blueprint, calls for what is called a "one parameter" wetland definition. An area could be defined as a wetland if it has at least one of three criteria:

1. The presence of wetland plants; or,
2. Soils that are sufficiently wet in the upper part to develop anaerobic conditions during the growing season; or,
3. Periodic inundation for seven consecutive days.

The "one parameter" wetland definition means that if a wetland plant is growing in an area, it could be deemed a wetland.

The concern in 2020 was that the undeveloped property behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center might have significant one parameter wetlands, so the McKMAC decided to use a three parameter wetland definition. The Humboldt County General Plan, and the Army Corps of Engineers use a less restrictive "three parameter" wetland definition, meaning all three conditions have to be met to deem an area a wetland.

It turns out, though, that the property only contains. .6 of an acre of "one parameter" wetlands," so Ford suggested the committee stick with the one parameter definition.

The Humboldt County Planning Commission will take up the matter on Thursday, Sept. 18. at 6 p.m.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP CHANGES

LEADERS Dana Utman and Gregg Gold. SUBMITTED PHOTO

SIERRA CLUB NORTH GROUP

HUMBOLDT – The Sierra Club North Group is going through some changes. Gregg Gold, Ph.D., will become the vice-chair after 20 years of leading the organization. He is thankful to have known so many dedicated environmentalists over the years who have been an inspiration to him, and proud to be a part of such an effective group of volunteers.

The new chair is Dana Utman. He has a background in environmental science Interpretation with a degree from Cal Poly Humboldt. He is a member of the National Association of Interpreters, a certified Interpretive Guide and an outdoor photographer. Utman is looking forward to his new role.

For more information about the Sierra Club please contact *sierraclubnorthgroup@gmail.com*.

BRING YOUR BINOCULARS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Tamar Danufsky at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails, and a great diversity of birdlife.

TOUR THE MARSH Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 20. Meet leader Ren Bunce at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk that will explore the history of the Marsh, while investigating the plants and animals encountered along the way. (707) 826-2359

ELK RIVER ESTUARY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to noon for a birding walk around the recently developed Elk River Estuary Restoration Project at the south end of Eureka. This site has already been hosting good numbers of resident and migratory waterbirds. Meet at the Tooby Road Accessible trailhead parking area, 5300 Tooby Road, at 8 a.m. and plan for 2 to 3 hours of birding and easy walking. Bring binoculars and spotting scopes if you have them. Call Sean McAllister at (707) 496-8790 or email *whiteouters@gmail.com* for more information and to register.

EUREKA WATERFRONT BIRDING Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. with leader Ralph Bucher. This relatively urban trail offers the potential to observe species abundance and diversity compared to many more remote locations. Watch out for cormorants, loons, grebes and even otters diving for their meals in the bay alongside the trail. This walk is on a flat, paved trail that is wheelchair accessible. Email Ralph to sign up for this field trip at *thebook@reninet.com*.

RNSP COASTAL CLEANUP Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP) offers a Coastal Cleanup workday at Freshwater Beach Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Orick. Free day pass to your public lands for the first 30 participants! To reach Freshwater Beach, use the gravel road just south of the Redwood Creek Day Use Area. This event is part of National Public Lands Day, associated with NEEF, the National Environmental Education Foundation. The event includes a California Coastal Commission cleanup with the Northcoast Environmental Center. Gloves, bags and trash pickers will be provided.

HEAVY HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TRADES ACADEMY

THE GRADUATES Construction trades-bound. SUBMITTED PHOTO

CALTRANS

BLUE LAKE – Caltrans recently celebrated the graduation of 20 students from the Heavy Highway Construction Trades Academy at Blue Lake Casino's Sapphire Palace.

This inaugural class from Humboldt County represents not only an achievement for the graduates but also an important step toward meeting the growing demand for skilled labor in the construction industry.

The seven-week program helps individuals from underserved communities gain certifications and skills that boost economic mobility and help fill workforce shortages in the construction field. Caltrans partnered with the Baker Technical Institute, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board to deliver the academy.

"It's an incredible honor to be a part of this program," academy graduate Michaela Jones said. "I am feeling really proud of myself and all the other students in the class, and I'm grateful to everybody who was able to come together and put this on."

This specialized academy offers comprehensive classroom and field training. Graduates received certifications in operating equipment such as dozers and excavators. This dual approach ensures that students are not only familiar with safety protocols and operational techniques but also build the hands-on experience needed to be job-ready.

Baker Technical Institute President Doug Dalton said, "There's a lot in seven weeks, and this is what industries said they want to see on a resume, so the academy puts them in a position to be highly employable."

Guest speakers at the event included Baker Technical Institute President Doug Dalton, Caltrans Office of Civil Rights Chief Marjani Rollins, Caltrans District 1 Maintenance Manager Paul Johnson, Humboldt County District 2 Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Humboldt County Workforce Development Board Executive Director Peggy Murphy and Blue Lake Rancheria Tribal Council Member Jace Baldosser.

Rollins said these graduation ceremonies are the best part of her job. "The academy builds confidence in people and shows that they can do things they never imagined. To have 20 out of 20 people finish is phenomenal. We are so proud of these graduates."

To learn more about the program, visit *dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/workforce-development-branch/heavy-highway-construction-trades-academies* or call (541) 524-2651.

Council | Two Middle East measures up for approval

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September 7, 2025, the UN publicly emphasized that time is short to stop famine spreading in Gaza, calling for expanded humanitarian corridors and immediate scaling-up of aid."

Below, the draft resolution and the draft letter to CalPERS.

Resolution No. 256-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA URGING IMMEDIATE, SAFE, AND UNHINDERED DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO CIVILIANS IN GAZA

WHEREAS, the United Nations reports that famine has been confirmed in parts of Gaza and is likely to spread, placing hundreds of thousands of civilians — including children, families, and elders — at imminent risk of starvation; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs continues to document acute shortages of food, medicine, fuel, and safe shelter, noting that aid deliveries remain insufficient despite escalating need; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2025, the United Nations warned that there is a narrow window to prevent famine from spreading further in Gaza, underscoring the urgent moral and humanitarian imperative for action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Arcata:

1) Urges the President, Congress, and relevant federal agencies to take all diplomatic and operational steps necessary to ensure immediate, safe, and unhindered humanitarian access consistent with UNSCR 2720, including opening/expanding border crossings and enabling overland, maritime, and airdrop routes as needed.

2) Supports robust U.S. funding for life-saving humanitarian operations for Palestinians through established, neutral mechanisms with strong oversight (e.g., UN-coordinated channels) to deliver food, water, fuel, medical care, and shelter to civilians.

3) Calls on all parties to facilitate humanitarian operations and protect aid workers and infrastructure, in line with international humanitarian law.

4) Directs the City Clerk to transmit this resolution to the President, the Secretaries of State and Defense, California's U.S. Senators, the local U.S. Representative, the Governor, and relevant UN offices.

This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Letter to CalPERS

September 15, 2025

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Arcata, we write to express our deep concern with CalPERS' financial investments in companies complicit in human rights violations, particularly those profiting from the ongoing human rights violations and famine in Gaza, and war profiteering in general.

The City of Arcata has long upheld Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) preferences, excluding investments in corporations engaged in fossil fuel extraction, tobacco, nuclear weapons, nuclear energy, ecological degradation, or violations of workers' and human rights. We also reject investments in corporations that profit from for-profit prisons and immigration detention centers, which perpetuate cycles of injustice and human suffering. We believe CalPERS should uphold similar values and ensure its investments do not contribute to systemic harm, displacement, and violations of basic human rights.

CalPERS has a record of principled action, including previous divestments from tobacco, firearms, coal, and companies tied to human rights violations across the globe. Just as institutions worldwide supported economic sanctions against South Africa's apartheid regime, we now urge CalPERS to divest from companies enabling these same abuses in Gaza and other regions impacted by state violence and exploitation.

We call upon CalPERS to take immediate action to:

1. Divest from companies and bonds that profit from weapons manufacturing, human rights violations, for-profit prisons, and immigration detention centers.

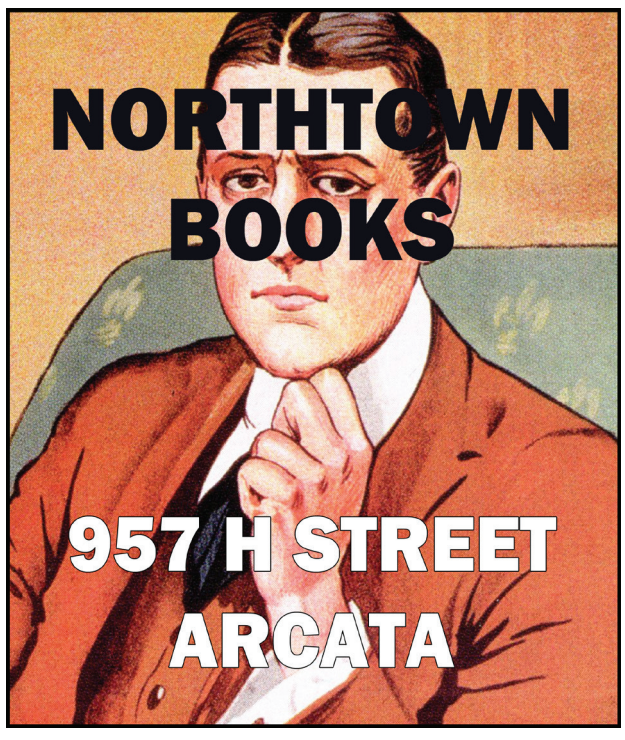
2. Reinvest in ethical and socially responsible funds aligned with justice, sustainability, and human rights.

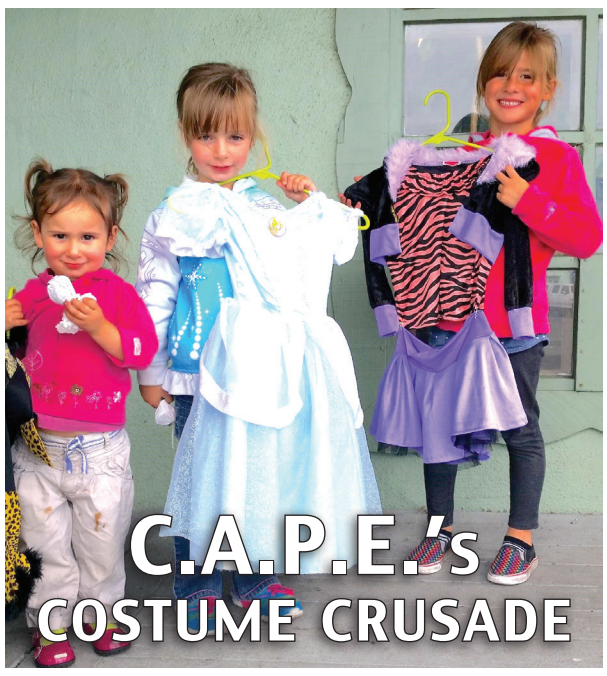
3. Commit to a reasonable timeline for divestment and reinvestment.

4. Provide transparent and ongoing reporting on divestment progress.

CalPERS has the opportunity to lead by example and align its investments with values of justice, equity, and responsibility. We urge you to act promptly and responsibly.

Sarah Schaefer
Councilmember
City of **Arcata**





TRICK OR TREAT Costumes and kids. Submitted photos

Community Access Project for Eureka

EUREKA – Spooky season is right around the corner, but with your help it can be a little less scary and a lot more fun!

The Community Access Project for Eureka (C.A.P.E.) is putting on their annual Halloween Costume Drive to benefit local children in need. Halloween costume donations will be accepted between Sept. 15 and Oct. 24. Halloween costumes can be brought to the Adorni Center or the Uplift Eureka Community Resource Center during open hours.

Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase children's preferred costumes. Please make checks out to the "City of Eureka."

C.A.P.E. is looking for new costumes for children ages 0 to 17 that are appropriate in nature. Used costumes will not be accepted. Information on specific costumes needed can be found at *eurekaheroes.org* or by calling Sierra Wood at (707) 672-2253.

The Adorni Recreation Center is open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Uplift Eureka Community Resource Center is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COLLECTIBLE Wood in the woods. BLM photo

Get a BLM permit and collect forest firewood

BLM

ARCATA – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arcata Field Office announces that firewood permits are now available for numerous scattered logs throughout the King Range NCA off King Peak Road and Paradise Ridge Road.

Look for the yellow firewood collecting area signs. Please do not disturb the piles that will be burned this winter. These piles are the result of recent fuels reduction projects designed to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk.

The scattered logs are from a variety of species and are accessible via existing roads and trails. Permit holders will be able to collect seasoned and green wood for personal use.

Permit Information

• Permits must be obtained before collecting any firewood

• Permits may be obtained online *(ow.ly/yyN250WVONo)*

• Standard BLM firewood regulations apply *(ow.ly/24KC50WVOQe)*

• Maps showing collection locations will be provided with permits *(ow.ly/nLeU50WVOJI)*

Firewood permits help support forest management efforts while providing the public with an affordable source of wood for heating and recreational use. The removal of these logs also reduces fire hazards and supports ongoing habitat restoration work.

For in-person permit applications, pricing information, collection guidelines and collection location maps, contact the BLM King Range Office at (707) 986-5400 or visit 768 Shelter Cove Road, Whitethorn. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The BLM manages public lands for multiple uses including recreation, conservation, and resource management while maintaining the health of natural ecosystems.

Humboldt Sponsors raises over $44,000

Humboldt Sponsors

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt Sponsors, a local nonprofit charitable organization dedicated solely to raising funds to benefit Humboldt County youth, held its biggest fundraiser of the year, "Boots & Bandanas," Aug. 13 at The Barn by Fernbridge.

"It was truly a wonderful evening with a very generous group of people who were there to support the kids of Humboldt," stated Dana Hunt, co-chair. "The Barn by Fernbridge was the perfect setting for our western theme, combined with delicious appetizers and a BBQ dinner by Cooks BBQ & Catering."

The annual summer fundraiser also featured a no-host bar provided by Native Sons of the Golden West, a live auction featuring Rex Bohn as auctioneer, a silent auction, benefit raffle drawing, and music by Luke Powell, along with sound system by Travisty Entertainment.

"We are so grateful to report that our Boots & Bandanas event raised more than $44,000, after expenses, for local kids," said Becky Giacomini, co-chair. "We appreciate each and every one of our friends, families, business and community supporters, as well as our Humboldt Sponsors members, for their generous contributions."

Since 1971, Humboldt Sponsors has distributed more than $3,040,000 in grant funds to local youth-related nonprofits, surpassing its three million milestone this year.

In April, the organization awarded 77 individual grants, totaling $102,000.

CO-FOUNDERS Dana Hunt and Becky Giacomini. Submitted photo

"We are proud of the fact that all net proceeds from our fundraisers stay local and go directly into our Grant Fund to benefit local kids," said Amy Hunt, president of Humboldt Sponsors.

"It takes a big village and a lot of hard work to achieve this level of service to our community. Thank you for helping us in our efforts to "make good things happen for local kids!"

To learn more about Humboldt Sponsors, email *humboldtsponsors@gmail.com* or visit *humboldtsponsors.org*.

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HOW SWEET IT IS Gail Saunders will be just one of the amazing bakers for the Dessert Café at Trinidad Town Hall on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Her grandmother, Mae Saunders, was famous for her molasses cookies and Gail has the recipe. Come sample these and the other delicious cakes and pies! All sales support the scholarship fund of the Trinidad Civic Club, which gives two high school seniors scholarships every year. For more information, visit *trinidadcivicclub,org*.

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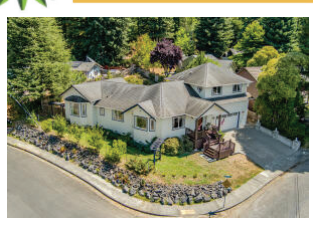

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OPINION

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Yes in my backyard

Two neighbors in last week's paper seem to object to needed housing and services for Cal Poly students and other neighbors who have been unhoused for too long.

I say *yes* in my backyard. I live near Mad River Community Hospital and I thank Cal Poly, the City and Arcata House Partnership for making it happen and to the State Legislature for mandating more housing for people who don't deserve to sleep outside (no one deserves that). I'm grateful to see fewer people outside in tents, so I'm fine with waiting a minute or two at a stop sign.

Barbara Palmerton
Arcata

❖ LETTERS

Humboldt Sponsors thanks

Humboldt Sponsors held its annual summer fundraiser, "Boots & Bandanas," on Aug, 13 at The Barn by Fernbridge, in Ferndale *(see page 5)*. We raised more than $44,000, after expenses, with all proceeds going directly into our Grant Fund to benefit Humboldt County children.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous sponsorships: Anderson, Lucas & Borges, Advanced Security Systems, Blue Star Gas Associates, Mark Burtchett, Coast Central Credit Union, Coldwell Banker Cutten Realty – Mock Wahlund, Customer Truck Service, Inc., DCI Builders, Drs. Elloway & Wonenberg, Edward Jones – Greg Seiler, Edward Jones – Hec Wood, Guynup Enterprises, Hansen & Pereira Professional Fiduciaries, Rory A. Hanson Inc. Law Corp., Harper Motors, Ken's Auto Parts & Truck Accessories, Matsen Insurance Brokers, Mercer-Fraser Company, Roger and Connie Miller, O&M Industries, Redwood Capital Bank, Six Rivers Management LLC, Sherlock Mini Storage, Rick and Kim Slack, Thrifty Supply Company, Trinidad Rancheria and Valley Pacific Petroleum Services.

We are grateful for the support of the following: Rex Bohn – auctioneer, Lori Cook – Cook's BBQ & Catering, Sondra Kirtley & Team – Scrapper's Edge, Lea and Chris Cahill – The Barn by Fernbridge, Luke Powell, Travisty Entertainment and Native Sons of the Golden West.

Our sincere appreciation to all the local businesses and individuals who generously donated live and silent auction items for this fundraising event.

Thank you – sponsors, donors, our members and guests – for helping us continue to "make good things happen for local kids!"

Gratefully,
Becky Giacomini
Rio Dell
Dana Hunt
McKinleyville

The Marvin Samuels *Guide to a Perfect Blue Lake Friday Night*

The manhole cover outside the Logger Bar proclaims Blue Lake as the "Center of the Universe." While Arcata and Eureka might have multiple entertainment options on the weekend, they would be hard-pressed to duplicate the trifecta of choices that will be occurring in Blue Lake on Friday, Sept. 19 within a few-block radius. And if you play your cards correctly you can experience all three on that night.

Begin your Friday Blue Lake experience at 5 p.m. at the famous Logger Bar for the Regal Beagle Takeover, a tiki-meets-Wild West party.

Billed as "Saloon to Lagoon" it's a tiki vacation for your imagination. Music from 5 to 6 p.m. features the Fisherman Tiki Band, led by internationally acclaimed vibraphonist Brian "Fisherman" Lease.

To continue your exodus, walk the short distance to Mad River Brewery, where fan-favorite Checkered Past will play beginning at 6 p.m. Have a brew or special beer concoction while pumping yourself up by listening to some ska and reggae tunes.

You still have time to make it to the third venue. The Mad River Grange is presenting *Wild Left Turns and Chance Encounters* as a benefit towards the ongoing restoration of its 1889 historical building.

This original show begins at 7 p.m. and features stories by Jeff DeMark, Marvin Samuels, Siena Nelson, Tim Breed and Rachel Houska. Music will be by the always-fun Gila Monster Band. Tickets are only $10 and are selling like hotcakes at a Grange breakfast.

COSMIC MANHOLE At the Logger Bar. SUBMITTED PHOTO

You can arrange to get your tickets beforehand by calling (707) 668-5450 or there may be a few available at the door.

The Grange event will be over by 8:30 p.m., so there's time to walk the few steps back to the Logger Bar. Fisherman Tiki Band will be joined by special guest and Humboldt legend Marla Joy as the night crescendos into a wild Humboldt party scene until 10 p.m.

Who ever said there's nothing to do in Blue Lake?

The second annual Blue Lake Safety Fair will be happening on Saturday, September 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Perigot Park in Blue Lake.

There will be information booths, Touch-a-Truck for the kids (Blue Lake Fire Department truck, CHP patrol car, and Arcata Mad River Ambulance), free safety swag, free door raffle prize and food vendors.

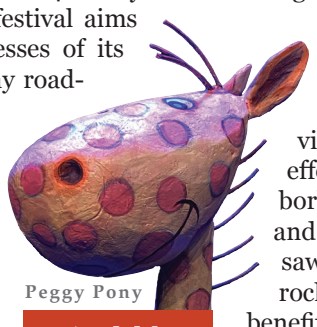
Blue Lake Safety Commissioner Lin Glen stated, "In Blue Lake we more broadly interpret Public Safety to also include good health practices. We are using the same model for the Fair as last year's successful one. Because of current federal cutbacks, the Blue Lake Safety Commission will be utilizing more community volunteers to make this event happen."

Organizations participating in this year's event include Blue Lake CERT team, Blue Lake Neighbor PODS, Blue Lake Fire Department, American Red Cross, Providence Trauma Program, Area 1 Agency on Aging, Vynca Care, Cal Poly Humboldt Fall Prevention, Humboldt Office of Emergency Services, Humboldt Breast and GYN Health Project, Tri Counties Independent Living, Providence Substance Abuse Navigator, DHHS Home Program and CalFresh.

For more information, contact Molly Homen at (707) 668-5239 or at *molly.homen@stjoe.org*.

Sunny Brae Porchfest 2.0 promises more good neighborhood vibes

"Just music, and people having a good time," wrote musician and community member Jeff DeMark when reflecting on the positives of Sunny Brae Porchfest 2024. This year on Sunday, Oct. 5, the festival aims to recreate the successes of its debut and remove any roadblocks.



Porchfest is a nationwide event that brings local musicians together in neighborhoods to foster community and uplift local acts. It's a day full of live music on porches, driveways and yards that is free and for all ages and can be adopted by any city.

Sunny Brae Porchfest organizer Neroli Devaney spoke to the Arcata City Council to secure the festival's approval for its second year in Arcata. Here's what she had to say of the festival's mission, "I have lived in Sunny Brae my whole life, Sunny Brae is very dear to my heart ... I think it's really important that we bring festivals off the Plaza and off of downtown Arcata into different areas of Arcata. And bring lively joy, community, art and music all over Arcata," she said.

In a written statement, DeMark echoed a similar sentiment, stating that what the festival provides to the community is worth the effort. "I wandered around the neighborhood, which I lived in for 10 years and still own a small house there, and saw all kinds of music, playing: rap, rock, folk, etc, all of it spirited. The benefits of Porchfest, in my opinion, far outweigh the glitches. Music, community, self-expression: We need more of that," he shared.

For Devaney, diversity of musicians and types of music is one of the core tenets of the festival, and a priority when navigating this year's event. One volunteer, Heal McKnight, who spoke at the city council meeting and helped raise neighborhood awareness around the festival noted that the day of music and community united neighbors intergenerationally who might not find common ground elsewhere.

Of her experience as a volunteer, McKnight said, "I just want to say that Porchfest was so much fun last year ... I've been a part of the volunteer crew, my wife and I knocked on 65 doors all up and down Chester [Avenue] ... We have heard such positive feedback, people have said this is one of the coolest things about living in Sunny Brae ... It is one of the lovely, home-grown things. It's a chance for our neighborhood to be really generous, and it's a chance to bring intergenerational groups together. The bands all include people from all different genres and all ages playing together. It was a really great day, and I'm really glad that it's happening again."

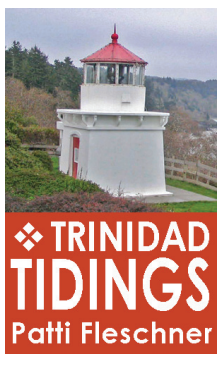
With an outpouring of support and earnest considerations of last year's conflicts, the City Council moved to approve the festival's event permit. Sunny Brae Porchfest will take place this year on Sunday, Oct. 5 from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, *playhousearts.org* or check Humboldt Hot Air's Instagram, *@ khha94.7,* for updates.

PORCHFEST 2024 Northern Highbush performs on Sunny Brae's Panorama Drive. KLH | UNION

Music, blood donations and City Council decisions are flowing

Third Friday Jazz at Trinidad Town Hall on Friday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. highlights the abundant talent of jazz saxophonist Francis Vanek sharing the stage with the popular RLA Trio led by Tim Randles at the piano.



Francis Vanek came from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he attended Duquesne University. Later he played in bands with Roger Humphries and J.D. Moses, studied with Carl Arter, and was influenced by Stanley Turrentine. He earned a master degree in music from University of Nevada, where he was a full-time faculty member.

While in Reno, Vanek played with saxophone players Ernie Watts, Tom Scott, David Leibman and Eddie Daniels. Jesse Hamlin of the *San Francisco Chronicle* called him "a superb saxophonist." Diners at Larrupin' Café appreciated his smooth sound for years. He lives in Fort Bragg and plays frequently in Northern California and the Bay Area.

Admission is $10 to $20 sliding scale. Refreshments available. Call (707) 834-2479 for information or visit *westhavenarts.com*.

Thanks from Northern California Community Blood Bank and Gail Saunders

Many Trinidadians turned up to give blood in support of enhancing local blood supplies last week. Northern California Community Blood Bank coordinator Gail Saunders thanks everyone who donated.

Gift baskets were presented to Cameron Cather, who won the "hare" award for rapid blood delivery, and to Aaron Hakenen, the "turtle" whose blood donation took longer to collect. All participants enjoyed Gail's ginger cookies and a coupon for a Headie's Pizza slice.

Carrie Varela resigns from City Council

Last week's City Council meeting began with Councilmember Carrie Varela's resignation. Her residence changed to outside the city limits.

Information and applications for being appointed to fill the Council vacancy may be obtained at the City Clerk's office in Town Hall. Applicants must live within the city limits. If an appointment is made, the new councilmember will need to run for office in 2026 even though Varela's position officially ends in 2028.

The council voted unanimously (Mayor Cheryl Kelly, Bryce Kenny and Kati Breckenridge voted with Jack Tuttle absent and Carrie Varela unable to cast a vote due to her resignation) to extend a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Humboldt Division of Environmental Health to continue serving as the city health officer.

The council also voted unanimously to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-03 amendments defining the authority, responsibilities and duties of the county health officer while acting as the City of Trinidad health officer.

Some of the responsibilities include restaurant inspections, food waste and Hazmat protocols, tobacco sales and septic system permits and repairs.

In other city matters, Lt. Josh McCall reported that there were 55 calls for service during August in the city limits, down 10 from the previous month when vandalism at several residences had caused much concern.

The boardwalk repairs/improvements along Edwards Street leading to the harbor will need to go through a formal permitting process overseen by the Bureau of Indian Affairs since the boardwalk is partly on Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria jurisdiction. Repairs and improvements to the boardwalk will need to be coordinated between the city and the Rancheria.

Paula Levine suggested in the "three-minute items from the floor" period that the water committee be reinstated.

Acting City Manager Gabriel Adams reported that the Public Works Department staff has made great progress in advancing to T-2 and T-3 State mandated water system oversight expertise and that the City is close to no longer requiring outside-area oversight.

The much-reviled, intrusive signs and flashing lights on either side of the crosswalk at Hector and Edwards Street were discussed. Reducing the size or removing the signs altogether may be future options. The matter will be tabled until early 2026.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

A PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP meets on the second Friday of the month from 3 to 4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3230 Harrison Ave., Eureka. The group's primary intent is a gathering where the person with PD and their caregiver(s) may find some insights and know they aren't alone. For information call Dave Krueger at (707) 298-9972.

PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR A free Public Safety Fair takes place Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Blue Lake's Perigot Park. More than 14 agencies will be represented in the free, family friendly event. For more information, call Adelene Jones at (707) 668-5567.

TRINIDAD LIONS BOOKS AND BREAKFAST Trinidad Lions Pancake Breakfast and Book Sale September 28 from 8 to11 a.m. at Trinidad School. Pancakes, eggs and books, choice of ham, sausage or biscuits and gravy and eggs plus beverage. $8 adults; $4 children. Paperbacks 25¢, 50¢; hardbacks $1. Profits benefit community, youth and school.

SUN DAY On Sunday, Sept. 21, cities and communities around the world will celebrate the power of clean energy. This free event, called Sun Day, will be locally celebrated in the picnic area at Carson Park at Carson and H streets in Eureka from 1 to 4 p.m. Activities include opportunities to tour two fully electrified homes nearby, talk with contractors about electrified heating and water heating appliances, solar panels and storage batteries, learn about EVs and get information about rebates and other financial incentives currently available.

Legal Notices

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14352 MAPLE CREEK ROAD
KORBEL, CA 95550
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MAURA Q. RASMUSSEN
1452 F ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
KERRY RASMUSSEN
835 JENSEN DRIVE
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by:
A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP,
MAURA RASMUSSEN
OWNER
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JUAN P. CERVANTES
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1392 SUNSET AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MMW LLC
CA202357817333
1392 SUNSET AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
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MELISSA WYATT,
OWNER
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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MARC CHATON,
BOARD TREASURER
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PARTHENON CONSTRUCTION
944 HIIDDEN POND LANE
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PADRE A. ROTH
944 HIIDDEN POND LANE
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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4419 WALNUT DR.
EUREKA, CA 95503
P.O. BOX 3075
EUREKA, CA 95502
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
WANDERWELL CREATIVE, LLC
CA B20250191523
1401 21ST ST. STE. R
SACRAMENTO, CA 95811
This business is conducted by:
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
, **VICKI R. HOLMAN,**
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00424
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COURTNEY NICKOLS
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2501809
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **TERREL TIMOTHY PRUDHOMME**
A. To Proposed name**: TERREL TIMOTHY NICKOLS**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: OCT. 10, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: Aug. 25, 2025
TIMOTHY CANNING
Judge of the Superior Court
9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICAL)
CASE NUMBER: CV2501792
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): MARIA FREDLUND RICHARDS
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de $10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
The name and address of the court is ((El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
Humboldt Superior Court
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Neal G. Latt SBN 294409
LATT LAW GROUP, APC
350 E Street, Suite 308
Eureka, California 95501
Telephone (707) 908-9088
Meara Hattan, Clerk
Deputy, JACK F.
Date: AUG. 21, 2025
9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RODNEY MERLE SIEVERS
CASE NO.: PR2500228
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
RODNEY MERLE SIEVERS
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: BRYAN SIEVERS in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: BRYAN SIEVERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: SEPT. 25, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
ARTHUR NIELSEN
NIELSEN CASHMAN & DEAN
2850 HARRIS ST.
EUREKA, CA 95503
(707) 269-0167
9/10, 9/17, 9/24

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name: MELODY KRAMER, AKA BABY GIRL KRAMER
Case No. JV2400063
1. To: EMILY KRAMER, and anyone claiming to be a parent of Melody Kramer, AKA Baby Girl Kramer, born on 05/01/2024, at Jarod Phelps Hospital, Garberville, CA.
2. A hearing will be held on December 17, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR:
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695
DANIEL A. CLARK III, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #361034
825 FIFTH STREET
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Notice of Unclaimed Property: Pursuant to Government Code § 50050, McKinleyville Community Services District is attempting to locate the rightful owners of money currently held in the MCSD General Fund. The account numbers are included in this notice, along with the amount held. If the money is not claimed by September 30, 2025, MCSD will maintain permanent ownership. To claim your property, you may contact MCSD at 1656 Sutter Road, McKinleyville, CA 95519 or call 707-839-3251. Valid photo identification will be required to collect unclaimed funds, and it will be matched against our customer information.

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SCENE

New mosaic art sculpture unveiled at Prairie Creek

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS

ORICK — Jennifer a'Midi, local Humboldt County mosaic artist, unveiled a one-of-a-kind mosaic elk sculpture at Redwood National and State Parks.

The life-sized, hand-crafted bull elk will be making a home at the Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Visitor Center, where it will be seen by millions of park enthusiasts every year.

The elk weighs approximately 225 pounds and features whimsical scenes of California's North Coast, including 138 unique habitat types, native plants, animals, and fungi, all composed of thousands of carefully arranged pieces of colorful, hand-cut glass.

The elk also features museum-quality antlers. "It's a passion that I have to share my art with the public to hopefully inspire conservation and protection of our forests and all the creatures within," said a'Midi, who has extensive experience creating unique mosaic art projects in her community.

The elk will be the fourth mosaic art sculpture featured in a North Coast Redwoods District park unit by a'Midi. Visitors can explore the mosaic sculpture, Mushroom Connection, featuring a mushroom and river scene with otters and salmonids, at the historic Richardson Grove Lodge.

The sculpture was donated by the artist in celebration of the Richardson Grove State Park Centennial in 2023. a'Midi's famous North Coast Otters mosaic art sculpture, named Tce yac, remains a beloved fixture of the Humboldt Redwoods State Park Visitor Center. And a giant mosaic *Entoloma medianox*, called Midnight, after the common name of this fungi, midnight Entoloma, graces the Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park Visitor Center as well.

All Species, Samba parades at North Country Fair

THE SAME OLD PEOPLE

ARCATA - The 51st annual North Country Fair takes place on Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21 on the Arcata Plaza.

This year's theme of "Rise Up!" is a reminder that as a community we can work together to embody the fair's mission to celebrate and advocate for a healthy environment, cooperation and community, a vibrant alternative economy and justice for every person and all forms of life.

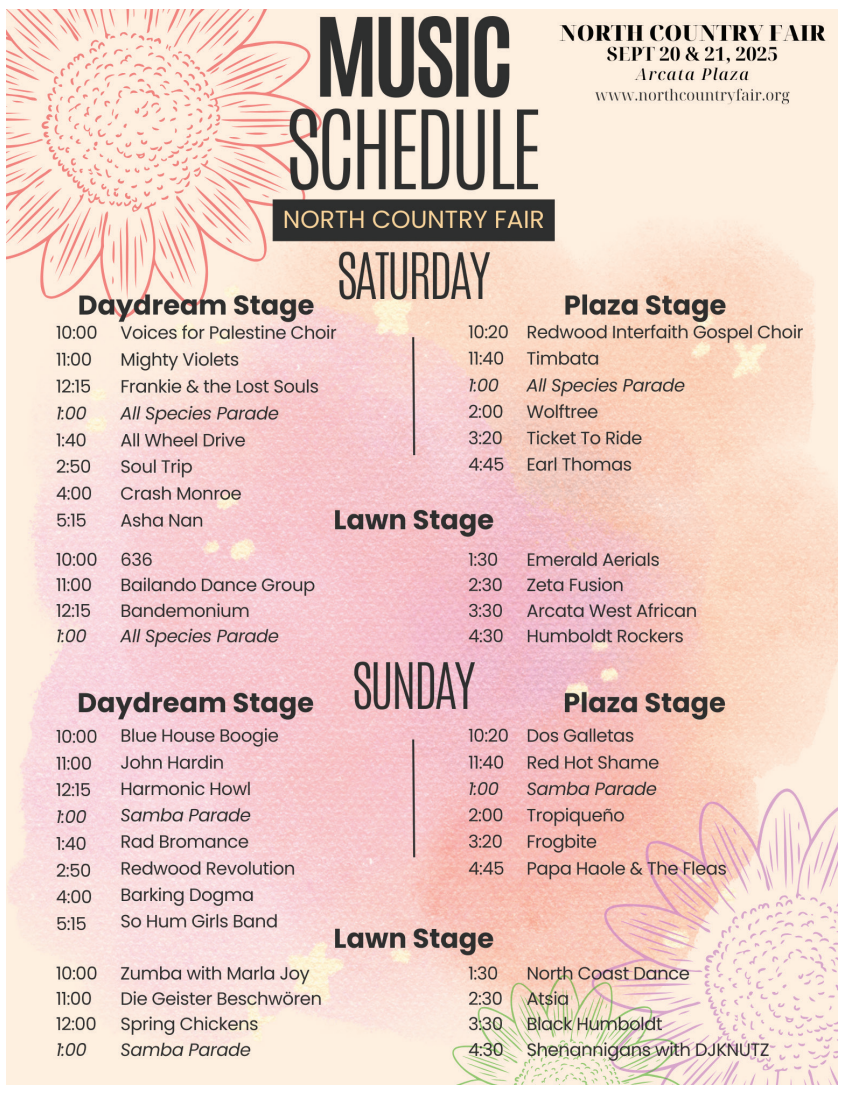
This free and family-friendly festival features 180-plus art and craft vendors, three music and entertainment stages, local food booths, activities for kids, and a daily parade at 1 p.m. Bring your two-legged friends and families, but please leave your dogs and pets at home.

The All Species Parade will take place on Saturday at 1 p.m., led by the Arcata Playhouse. Dress up in your favorite animal, creature or species costume and join in on the fun! The Arcata Playhouse will be hosting a free family-oriented mask making workshop Sunday Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Playhouse.

The Annual Samba Parade led by Samba da Alegria and Samba do Mar will take place on Sunday at 1 p.m. and, as always, promises to be a highlight of the fair.

The weekend will showcase over 20 live local acts including a full schedule of bands, dancers and entertainers.

There will also be interactive art exhibitions on the four quadrants of the Plaza featuring work by The Arcata Playhouse, Centro del Pueblo, Cate Be and Humboldt for Palestine.



The North Country Fair has been leading the way in zero waste event efforts, inspiring other events locally and regionally to join the reusable and refillable revolution.

In collaboration with Local Worm Guy, Recology and Bright and Green, we work to divert as much of the festival waste from the landfill as possible. We ask that you help by bringing your own pint cup for beer, a refillable bottle for water, and please refrain from bringing in waste from off-site.

The North Country Fair is brought to you by The Same Old People, a nonprofit volunteer group dedicated to presenting this arts and crafts, community-centered festival for years to come.

For more information visit *northcountryfair.org*.

GLITZ & GLAMOUR DIVA Burlesque presents Renegade Revue with Glitz *& Gamour Burlesque,* Friday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. at EXIT Theatre, 890 G St. second floor, on the Plaza in Arcata. Local performers curated by Tiny Tr2ntup featuring Felix Flex, Dixon Lips, PinkPeaches, Princx Switchblade, Alora Devora, Karma, Mx Tigrizz and Tiny Tr2ntup. Tickets $20 at *glitz-glamour.eventbrite.com* or cash at the door (leave a reservation at *mail@theexit.org*). *theexit.org*.

THE YING YANG TWINS perform Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. The Ying Yang Twins are a hip-hop duo consisting of Kaine and D-Roc. Despite the name, the duo are not twins, brothers or related in any way. They debuted in 2000 and rose to mainstream popularity in 2003 collaborating with Britney Spears on her album *In the Zone* and with Lil Jon on *Get Low*. In 2004 and 2005, they achieved greater fame and status with the singles *Salt Shaker, Wait (The Whisper Song), Shake* and *Badd*. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $47 in advance and at the door. *bluelakecasino.com*

THE FRANCES VANEK QUARTET performs Thursday, Sept. 18 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Jazz quartet featuring Tim Randles, Ken Lawerence, Mike Labolle and Francis Vanek, featuring a vast classic jazz repertoire. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, *basementarcata.com*

EDWIN MCCAIN performs Friday, Sept. 19 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. Edwin Cole McCain is a singer, guitarist and songwriter with 11 albums released to date. His songs *I'll Be* and *I Could Not Ask for More* were both top 40 radio hits in the U.S., and five of his albums have made the Billboard 200. McCain's music has been featured on *American Idol* and *The Voice*, and covered by such pop stars as Justin Bieber and Charlie Puth. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $50 in advance and at the door.

SONGWRITER MIXTAPE takes place Friday, Sept. 19 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. An evening of original tunes by fabulous songwriters Ruby Ruth George, John Elliott, and James Zeller and Katie Belknap as Ponies of Harmony. The show will be presented in two acts with an intermission; each artist will perform two separate 20-minute sets, representing side A and side B. John Elliott is a human, the most common and widespread species of primate, who does many things, among them writing songs and performing them. Ruby Ruth George is a soulful singer-songwriter whose music blends elements of country, folk, jazz, blues and gospel into heartfelt songs rooted in lived experience. The Ponies of Harmony are a harmony singing-songwriting duo of multi-instrumentalists Katie Belknap (clarinet, guitar) and James Zeller (trombone, guitar). Doors open at 6:30 p.m, show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are $15-$30 on a sliding scale in advance and at the door. (707) 822-1575, *arcataplayhouse.org*

THE VELVET SEA performs Friday, Sept. 19 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. The Velvet Sea, Humboldt County's very own Phish tribute band featuring members from many past and present local music projects. With a full opening set from Money, the county's own homegrown Pink Floyd tribute. Since 2015 Money has built a reputation for stellar live shows, delivered in classic '70s quartet style. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, *humbrews.com*

TROPIQUENO performs Friday, Sept. 19 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Tropiqueño is Humboldt County's old-school salsa revival specialists. The full 16-piece band is a fresh, energetic collaboration of local artists brought together through deep love for the African diaspora's heritage in the Caribbean and Latin America. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. $10 at the door. (707) 645-2309, *basementarcata.com*

PAPA HAOLE performs Friday, Sept. 19 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Local favorites featuring steel pan, ukulele, drums, bass and guitar, playing original rock, reggae, ska, Latin and calypso. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, *sixriversbrewery.com*

CHECKERED PAST performs Friday, Sept. 19 at Mad River Taproom at 195 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. Founded by longtime local musician Kris Sundeen, Checkered Past is the perfect blend of classic ska and eclectic musical journeys through first-wave ska, 2-tone, 3rd wave and everything in between. Show starts at 6:30 p.m. All ages. (707) 668-4151, *madriverbrewing.com*

BLU EGYTPTAN performs Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Chico-based Blü Egyptian are an electrifying quartet who have single-handedly pioneered the genre of prog-jam with their catchy breed of funk, Latin, reggae, bluegrass and rock 'n' roll. With the release of their third studio album, *Chantress of Amun* they have been reaching audiences far and wide creating a demand for this unique original music that carries the spirit of so many legends while redefining them all at once. Also with local favorites Blue Rhythm Revue. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $15 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, *humbrews.com*

EARL THOMAS performs Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. Earl Thomas parlayed a unique voice and style into blues stardom at the beginning of the '90s. His debut album *Blue ... Not Blue*, offered a fresh alternative to traditional blues. Thirty years and 21 recordings later, he stands as one of the most influential and prolific blues singer-songwriters of his generation. His songs have been recorded by legendary artists such as Etta James, Solomon Burke and Screamin' Jay Hawkins. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are $20 in advance and at the door. (707) 822-1575, *arcataplayhouse.org*

QUARTET NOIR performs Saturday, Sept. 20 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Quartet Noir will be playing an evening of swing, jazz, blues and bossa nova music. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. $5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, *basementarcata.com*

ANNA HAMILTON performs Saturday, Sept. 20 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Hot vocals, burning guitar licks and solid original tunes make for a great night of entertainment. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, *sixriversbrewery.com*

JENNI AND DAVID AND THE SWEET SOUL BAND performs Saturday, Sept. 20 as part of the summer music calendar on the outdoor stage at Fieldbrook Winery, 4241 Fieldbrook Rd. Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band will get down in a groove and play all the favorite funk, soul, blues, R&B and rock. All ages, $1.

THE UNDERCOVERS perform Saturday, Sept. 20 at Mad River Taproom at 195 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. The McKinleyville-based Undercovers are a premiere local band playing covers from the '70s through the '90s and today, from funk to hip-hop and pop to rock 'n' roll. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 668-4151, *madriverbrewing.com*

THE DECKHANDS perform Sunday, Sept. 21 as part of the summer music calendar on the outdoor stage at Fieldbrook Winery, 4241 Fieldbrook Road. Humboldt County trio the Deckhands are a semi-acoustic band playing vintage and alt country/Americana, folk and blues. All ages.

COMING UP:

- Vladislav Kern at Fulkerson Recital Hall, Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
- Fleetwood Macrame at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Saturday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m.
- Tophouse at Humboldt Brewery, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 8:30 p.m.
- Parliament/Funkadelic at Cal Poly Humboldt, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2 p.m.
- Pete Sawyer at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m.
- Shilpa Ray at Richard's Goat, Saturday, Oct. 4, 8:30 p.m.
- Curtis Salgado at Humboldt Brewery, Sunday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m.
- John Moreland at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Sunday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m.
- TAKAAT at Richard's Goat, Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
- Evening of Togetherness at the Arcata Playhouse, Friday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

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